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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasufumi TSUMAGARI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS, INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD,  
INFORMATION REPRODUCTION APPARATUS, INFORMATION REPRODUCTION METHOD,  
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, AND ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

**Reference AO (JP 2000-187963) on Form 1449:**

The system in this reference can encode and decode only pre-fixed kinds of compressed audio data, and it is impossible to expand it.

Form PTO 1449  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	AO	2000-187963	07/04/2000	JAPAN		X
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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